

For Six Month Period Ending April 30, 2008
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

Ethiopian People Revolutionary Party

4789

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

P.O. Box 73337
Washington DC 20056

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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- (b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

- (b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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- (c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A ³	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit B ⁴	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

See # 12 below

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

December 15, 2007 Fassika Bellette and Tegene M. Aboye addressed EPRP members supporters residing in Washington DC area on the current situation of Ethiopia and the activities of the Party.

December 23, 2007 Fassika Bellette addressed members and supporter of the EPRP in Dallas, Texas, on the current political situation of Ethiopia and the activities of the Party.

February 24, 2008 Fassika Bellette addressed EPRP members and supporters residing in Philadelphia on the current political situation of Ethiopia and the activities of the Party.

April 19, 2008 Fassika Bellette addressed members and supporters of EPRP in Los Angeles California, on the political situation of Ethiopia and the activities of the Party.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
Nov 2007	Members & Supporters	Membership fee and Contribution	7,866.76
Dec. 2007	" "	" "	6,490.00
Jan. 2008	" "	" "	13,210.00
Feb. 2008	" "	" "	6,935.00
March 2008	" "	" "	6,500.00
April, 2008	" "	" "	7,172.15
			48,173.91
			Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
Nov. 2007	PEPCO, Washington gas, AWS	electricity, gas, garbage	15,361.58
	ADT, Capital one, AOL, Tegegne	security, internet, credit	
	Misc	card payment for conference expenses	
		Misc.	
		Fassika	700.00
		Transfer Overseas	3,000.00
Dec. 2007	Verizon, ADT, Infoquest, FARA,	Telephone, security, internet,	6,891.88
	Pitney Bowes, AWS, Dell,	registration, garbage, credit	
	Capital one, AOL, Misc	card payment, internet Misc.	
		Fassika	700.00
Jan, 2008	Verizon, PEPCO, AWS, AOL	Telepahone, electricity, garbage,	6,250.48
	ADT, IRS, Infoquest, Tegegne,	internet, security, Misc.	
	Misc.		
		Fassika	700.00
		Transfer overseas	3,000.00
Feb. 2008	Verizon, PEPCO, AWS, ADT,	Telephone, electricity, garbage,	4,488.41
	Capital ONE, Pitney Bowes	security, postage, credit card	
	Washington gas, Tegegne, Misc	Payment, gas, Misc.	
		Fassika	700.00
Mar, 2008	Verizon, PEPCO, Washington	Telephone, electricity, gas	5,000.00
	gas, AOL, AWS, Capital ONE,	internet, garbage, credit card	
	Pitney Bowes, Infoquest, IRS	payment, postage, tax, security,	
	ADT, Misc.	Misc.	
		Fassika	700.00
		Transfer overseas	3,500.00
Apr. 2008	Verizon, PEPCO, Washington	Telephone, electricity, gas	3,895.17
	gas, AWS, AOL, Pitney Bowes,	garbage, internet, postage,	
	Tegegne, Misc.	Misc.	
		Fassika	700.00
			55,587.81
			Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?
 Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press releases | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) <u>Ethiopians</u> | | |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☒ No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

05/23/2008

MAY 23, 2008

MAY 23, 2008

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

Fassika Bellette

FASSIKA BELLETTE

Tegegne M. Aboye

TEGEGNE M. ABOYE

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form NSD-2, formerly Form CRM-154 Supplemental Statement):

YES ✓ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES ✓ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

Passika Bellette
Signature

05/23/08
Date

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FASSIKA BELLETTE

Please type or print name of
Signatory on the line above

SPOKES PERSON
Title



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL
STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Party

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Aboye	Tegegne M.	04/07/1993		
Bellette	Fassika	04/07/1993		
Taye	Fanta	04/07/1993		

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Title and brief description of the Press Releases of
the EPRP

1. Title. ON DR.CONDOLEEZA RICE'S COMING VISIT TO ETHIOPIA

Brief Description: The press release states that the policy of US Government to support dictators like Meles will not bring peace and stability in the Horn of Africa.

Date of Issue. December 4, 2007

2. Title: ON THE WORSENING SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

Brief Description: The press release calls for the immediate withdrawal of the troops of Meles from Somalia and demands an end to the repression in the Ogaden region where children are exposed to starvation and death. It states that 90000 people fled Mogadishou as a result of the intervention of Mele's forces in Somalia and scorched earth anti guerrilla campaign is creating havoc in Ogaden.

Date of Issue : November 1, 2007

3. Title: DEMOUNCE THE MURDER OF ETHIOPIANS IN SOMALIA

Brief Description: The press release condemns those who bombed 20 Ethiopian migrants to death in the port town of Bosaso, Puntland, Somalia and expresses condolences to the kin of those killed.

Date of Issue: February 7, 2008

4. Title: WHERE ARE TSEGAYE GEBRE MEDHIN AND ALL OTHER EPRP PRISONERS?

Brief Description: It is a call on all friends and human right organizations to launch a concerted and continuing campaign to publicize the fate of the disappeared members of the EPRP and to call for action on their behalf.

Date of issue: March 15, 2008

5. Title: APRIL 1972-APRIL 2008: EPRP- 36 YEARS OF STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

Brief Statement: It is a press release issued to commemorate the 36th Anniversary of the founding of EPRP.

Date of Issue: April 2, 2008

6. Title: MELES ZENAWI REGIME HEIGHTENS ENVIROMENTAL DISASTER

Brief description: The press release condemns the indiscriminate burning of forests of Zequala and Asebot monasteries and held the Meles regime responsible for the callous attack on the environment.

Date of Issue: April 5, 2008



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PRESS RELEASE

ON DR. CONDOLEEZA RICE'S COMING VISIT TO ETHIOPIA

Dr. Condoleezza Rice, the US secretary of State, is going to Addis Ababa on December 5 to discuss with certain African leaders the grave situation in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa regions. This is for sure a rare visit but skepticism expressed on its outcome by many observers is shared by the EPRP too.

The situation in the Great Lakes region and especially in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is very much linked to the 'curse' on this fraternal African country: its wealth and riches from gold to diamond, from uranium to coltan and more. The ongoing war in Eastern Congo has cost the lives of more than 4 million people with not much protest being heard from Western capitals that have, on the other hand, expressed so much concern on what is going on in Darfur. The warlords and militia are backed or employed by mining companies like the AngloGold Ashanti corporation accused by Human Rights Watch in 2005 of backing rebels that have committed rape and atrocities. If the cruel plunder of the riches of the Congo is stopped then the war will have come a long way on the path of its cessation. Madam Rice is going to talk with Congolese president Kabila jr. but it is a confirmed fact that his corrupt and repressive regime, along with that of Museveni and Kagame, is responsible for the havoc in the Congo. The Great Lakes problem and that of Congo in particular cannot find a meaningful solution by conferring with the aggravators of the crisis and strife.

In the Horn of Africa, the repressive regime in Addis Ababa and its adventurous forays into Somalia have aggravated the troubles of the Horn. The invasion of Somalia, reportedly by the order of Washington, was and is a big mistake, an act undertaken by the Meles regime to curry favor from Washington. The outcome was predictable as the EPRP had pointed out at the time. The claims of fast and lightning victory by the Meles regime was but an illusion on the part of an irresponsible regime that was desperately trying to come out of its own internal political disaster by getting the full backing of America. In Ethiopia, the regime in power is illegal, it had flagrantly and bloodily suppressed the people to steal an election in 2005. It is an isolated and minority regime relying on violence and terror to stay in power. The Meles regime owes its stay in power to no other country but primarily to the USA that has indulged it and given it all round (including military) support on the grounds that it is "an ally in the war against terrorism". In actual fact and as Madam Rice must have realized by now, the politics of backing the Meles regime and using it as an ally has backfired. The Horn is in a far worse situation than before, Somalia is bleeding more than ever before, the war against Eritrea seems to be approaching and the carnage in the Ogaden has just begun.

Surely, a review and a bold policy change is called for on the part of the American administration represented by Madam Rice.

Conferring with the dictators that are part of the problem is not bound to lead a durable and lasting solution. The problem of the Horn cannot be resolved by Meles, Gelleh or colonel Abdullahi Yusuf who are all discredited in the eyes of their peoples. The US policy of supporting these dictators is a big part of the problem facing the Horn of Africa. The reports from Addis Ababa that Washington has given Meles the green light to invade Eritrea and oust Isayas Afewerki will not, if undertaken, lead to any meaningful change. It just promises more bloodshed and instability and that is why the EPRP has raised its voice against such a war that will surely prove disastrous for the two peoples and the region as a whole. Hence, the skepticism on the results of Dr. Rice's coming visit to Ethiopia.

Will the US Secretary of State demand the respect of human rights in Ethiopia? Will she call for an end to the invasion of Somalia? Will she call for democratic change in Ethiopia, Djibouti, etc..? There is no indication that Dr. Rice would. On its part, the Meles regime will profit from the visit and the talk and will try to project a 'respectable' image as opposed to its real roguish one. The EPRP continues to call on the USA to rethink and change its policy vis a vis Ethiopia so that its actions are in tune with the respect of human rights and the exigencies of democratic governance.

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*Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP)***

November 1/2007

PRESS RELEASE

ON THE WORSENING SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

More than 90,000 people have fled from war torn Mogadishu. Reliable reports indicate also that the Meles Zenawi regime is seriously preparing for war against Eritrea. In the Ogaden region of Ethiopia, a scorched earth anti guerrilla campaign is wreaking havoc, starvation and massive displacement. Almost everything is askew in the Horn of Africa and most of the blame for this can be brought to the door of the Meles Zenawi regime.

The invasion of Somalia has compounded the problems of the region rather than stabilizing it. The Somali transitional government, whose Prime Minister Ali Gedi had to resign recently, is an unpopular and wobbling "government". The president, Colonel Abdullahi Yusuf, is propped up by the troops of Meles Zenawi and has proved incapable of stabilizing the situation in the country. The much trumpeted rout of the Islamic Courts militia has proved illusory and the armed resistance of the Shabab militia is gaining ground. The troops of Meles Zenawi can neither leave nor stay safely in Somalia. Though a problem by itself, the Meles invasion of Somalia has also worsened the situation in the Ogaden where the war between the troops of Meles and the ONLF guerrillas has intensified. Various observers have condemned the Meles regime for violating the human rights of the people in the area.

It is apparent now that the invasion of Somalia has worsened the overall situation in the Horn region and further intensified the proxy war between the Meles regime and Eritrea. The so called war on terror has fertilized the area for more terror and violence. In the meantime, the repressive regime in Ethiopia is continuing with its gross violation of human rights, with massacres and brutalities. The regime is enjoying the full support of Washington which considers it as an ally in its war against terrorism. The impending war with Eritrea is also a harbinger of more disaster and whatever the results it will lead

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to no solution vis a vis the basic woes and demands of the people in the region as a whole. Stability and peace in the region depend on democratization in Ethiopia and the other countries. Where good governance is absent and democracy scarce, the grave ills and problems of the country will find no solution. Hence, the repressive regime in Ethiopia lies at the source of the aggravation of the problems of the Horn.

The EPRP calls for the immediate withdrawal of the troops of Meles from Somalia. It demands an end to the repression in the Ogaden region where even children are exposed to starvation and death. The West should stop supporting the brutal regime under whatever pretext or justification. More importantly, the anti democratic rule of the Meles regime should be condemned for all its crimes against the Ethiopian people. The people of the Horn have no enmity among themselves and can live peacefully if only the war mongers could leave them alone.

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Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP)

February 7, 2008

DENOUNCE THE MURDER OF ETHIOPIANS IN SOMALIA

The EPRP strongly condemns those who bombed 20 Ethiopian migrants to death in the port town of Bosaso, Puntland/ Somalia. The victims were innocent Ethiopians who had fled from the repressive regime in Addis Ababa and were awaiting transportation to Yemen, a perilous journey that has already cost the lives of hundreds of Ethiopians and Somalis alike.

Bosaso is in semi autonomous Puntland which is the fief of Colonel Abdullahi Yusuf, the president of the Somali Transitional Federal Government. The port is the staging point for Horn refugees trying to make their way to Yemen. Thousands have perished in the Indian Ocean as victims of cruel passers and bullets fired by Yemeni coast guards. The bombing to death of 20 Ethiopian migrants in Bosaso is a cruel act that deserves world wide condemnation. While the EPRP is fully aware of the animosity held by Somalis towards the invading soldiers of Meles Zenawi this should not in any way spread to make ordinary Ethiopians seeking asylum legitimate targets. The EPRP has condemned the invasion and called for immediate withdrawal and it cannot pass in silence the brutal killing of innocent Ethiopians. The main culprit for the whole mess resides in the palace in Addis Ababa. Innocent Ethiopian civilians seeking asylum elsewhere should not be taken as targets as this would be a criminal act and would damage the fraternal relations that should exist between the two, peoples.

EPRP expresses its condolences to the kin of the Ethiopians killed in Bosaso and calls on all Somali factions not to engage in such brutal and criminal action. Since fighting an invading force is one thing, indiscriminate murder of defenseless civilians another, the EPRP strongly condemns those who take violent actions against Ethiopian asylum seekers and civilians as much as it condemned the invasion and the brutalities of the Meles Zenawi army.

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**WHERE ARE TSEGAYE GEBRE MEDHIN
AND ALL OTHER EPRP PRISONERS?**

**A CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SEEK THEIR
RELEASE OR INFORMATION ON THEIR FATE**

JUNE 1991: Tsegaye Gebre Medhin (aka Debteraw), Yishak Debretsion, Amha Bellette, Sitotaw Hussein (all four members of the Leadership committee of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP), and senior members like Teklai Gebre Sellasie, Hagos Bezabih, Desalegn Amsalu fell into the hands of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (the ruling TPLF/EPRDF), were taken to Bahr Dar prison and then to Tigray and "disappeared". Around the same time, the Sudan deported the refugee Azanaw Demile and he has also disappeared.

As of 1993, Mot Baynor Nure, Eyob Ashenafi, Demissie Tesfaye, Ms Aberash Berta, Lemma Hailu, Tesfaye Kebede, Wondusirak Desta, journalist Berhanu Ijigu, Teshome Beyene and trade unionist Abebe Ainekulu were all arrested as EPRP members (Addis Ababa, Bahr Dar, Arba Minch) and subsequently disappeared. The ruling Front has also disappeared Tamrat Gizachew, a veteran member of the EPRP.

The regime of Meles Zenawi has refused to give any report on the whereabouts of the above mentioned EPRP political prisoners and for some unexplained reason their fate has not also been the concern of human rights organizations with few exceptions. Demands made have been ignored by the regime that unofficially denies it had ever detained them and then goes on to say they have all been executed. Lack of information on their fate has been a serious psychological torture on the relative, kin and friends of the disappeared.

The EPRP calls on all friends of the EPRP and human rights organizations to launch a concerted and continuing campaign to publicize the fate of the disappeared and to call for action on their behalf. E mails, faxes and postal messages to the authorities in Addis Ababa should be undertaken extensively. Ethiopians in the Diaspora should spearhead this human

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rights action and the EPRP calls upon them to stand for those who struggled for our people and country.

Send e-mails, faxes and letters to human rights organizations like Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, etc who have remained silent on the fate of the above.

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- Prime Minister Meles Zenawi
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- Amnesty International
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- Human Rights Watch
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Solidarity Committee of Ethiopian Political Prisoners

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Send copy of your message to the newspapers, magazines and human rights organizations near you

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EPRP--36 YEARS OF STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

The founding congress of the EPRP was held from April 2 to April 9 in 1972 by militants determined to struggle against the autocratic regime of the time. Thirty six years later and after most of the founding delegates had paid the ultimate sacrifice the EPRP is still engaged in the noble fight to establish a democratic system in Ethiopia.

The long and arduous road had demanded a lot of sacrifices. The EPRP was the first modern political party, as it were, in the history of Ethiopia as political parties were banned and basic freedoms curtailed. The eruption of the February 1974 Revolution promised a new beginning and era for Ethiopia and it was a people's revolution in which the young and clandestine EPRP contributed its share without being strong enough to play the vanguard role and protect the fruits of the struggle. Armed soldiers and officers aborted the Revolution and took over power to brutally establish a military dictatorship. The EPRP mobilized the people to wage a peaceful political struggle that was violently suppressed and made armed struggle a necessity. The Red Terror launched by the totalitarian regime backed by the USSR cost the lives of no less than 200,000 people and literally wiped out a generation of noble Ethiopians. The Red Terror was directed mainly against the EPRP. In the rural areas of Tigray, the presently ruling clique organized as the Tigray front (TPLF) also waged war against the EPRP. The difficult situation led to the emergence of defeatism within the party itself, a line manifested in the formation of factions (anja) and later on as a liquidationist (bitena) campaign that almost put an end to the armed struggle. However, the militants of the EPRP were able to persevere and to continue the struggle against the military regime and subsequently against the TPLF/EPRDF regime that had waged war against the EPRP since the early seventies. Dozens of EPRP leaders and veterans have disappeared after being captured by the TPLF regime and many others killed since 1991.

During the long and hard struggle that saw many political groups appear and disappear, the EPRP has steadfastly guarded its basic democratic line, learnt from experience, corrected its inevitable errors and continued the struggle. Even now, the EPRP faces the full onslaught of the narrow nationalist regime of Meles Zenawi and the machinations and conspiracies of opportunist elements that have betrayed the struggle of the Ethiopian people. The EPRP wrote vivid chapters in Ethiopian history by mobilizing the people around basic democratic demands, by organizing the people on broad levels, raising political consciousness and refusing to bend to the dictatorial regimes. Millions took part in the struggle; hundreds of thousands paid the ultimate sacrifice to free Ethiopia from tyranny. So much so, that the campaign to liquidate the EPRP that is still

going on has, on the contrary, contributed to the influence of the organization all over Ethiopia. The EPRP has played a major role in the united front effort of political groups, has championed the rights of minorities, of women and children, struggled for Ethiopian unity on the basis of democracy, and advanced the choice of social democracy as the path most suited to assure democracy and development for the people and the country.

Thirty six years is both long and also short in the history of a people's struggle for emancipation. Today, the EPRP does not celebrate only its capacity to survive the terror and repression, the plots and liquidation campaigns but mainly honours the sacrifice of its members to assure not only its existence but also its continuing struggle. Democracy for the people, sovereignty for the country, unity based on democracy, firm opposition to chauvinism and narrow ethnic nationalism, upholding the rights and interests of the majority, protecting the minority, free and fair elections, land to the tiller, and many more firmly held democratic stances make the EPRP the party of the people. Attempts to set up duplicate groups to sabotage the EPRP have failed in the past and will fail in the future as the whole people know that there is one and only one EPRP. In Ethiopia today, a brutal narrow based dictatorship is in power and working hard to ruin the country for ever. The ongoing struggle is to guard the very existence of Ethiopia as a country and the EPRP, 36 years after its formation, is continuing this noble struggle to defend Ethiopia and the democratic aspirations of the people.

The struggle continues!!

The Ethiopian people shall be victorious!!

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**MELES ZENAWI REGIME HEIGHTENS
 ENVIROMENTAL DISASTER**

Some 45,000 hectares of trees near and around two historical monasteries, Ziquala and Asebot, have been burnt down by arsonists who are said to be linked to the ruling front TPLF/EPRDF. On the other hand, the feverish drive for cash has led to the eviction of thousands of farmers from their lands and the handing over of such land to foreign flower-growing firms that are using fertilizers that have proved toxic to the soil and to the populace at large.

The supply of fertilizer is more or less monopolized by the ruling front through its all pervasive economic firms. Peasants have been forced and subsequently indebted by the purchase of fertilizers. Norwegian fertilizers suppliers who had reportedly bribed top officials of the regime had tried even to go as far as giving a prize to the tyrant Meles Zenawi in recognition of the opening of the market in Ethiopia. As expected, the regime has imposed no control or check (how could it as it is profiting from the business?) and thus expired fertilizers and fertilizers with toxic heavy metals are being used extensively and damaging not only the soil but also the health of the people. There is no remedy for this as the regime is bent on gaining as much cash while ruining the country and causing grave environmental damages. It is to remember that this same regime has approved the use of genetically modified seeds. The massive and savage deforestation and the destruction by fire of forests suspected of being hideouts for armed rebels is causing disaster. The reckless action by the regime is to be contrasted by its serious drive to plant trees and protect forests in its own region of Tigrai. The destruction of the age old forests of the Asebot and Ziquala monasteries is a criminal act that has pained the Ethiopian people. The eviction of peasants to give way to foreign flower growing firms (mainly from Israel and Holland) is also a gross violation of rights of the Ethiopian farmers who are forever denied their legitimate right to own their land.

The use of pesticides and fertilizers is seriously damaging the environment. "Pesticides lead to bioaccumulation and death in non-target organisms. Fertilizers used to boost production or compensate for poor soil nutrients increase the nutrient content of water (eutrophication), resulting in algal blooms that reduce water oxygen levels and kill aquatic organisms. The use of fertilizer ignores soil chemical and biological processes and can lead to soil degradation rather than improved fertility". In Ethiopia, the use of pesticides and toxic fertilizers is continuing with no control. The exodus of rural youth to the cities, the increasing impoverishment that have resulted from the bad governance of the ruling front have all contributed to the damage on the environment, to the spread of pollution, to the savage deforestation, and, in the rural areas, the condemned agricultural policy has made any attempt to protect the environment almost impossible.

The regime of Meles Zenawi is not only tyrannical but a curse on the environment and the EPRP calls on all to struggle against it and to denounce its callous attacks on the environment.



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APRIL 25: ETHIOPIA STILL AWAITS APOLOGY FROM THE VATICAN

On April 25, Italy celebrates its liberation from the fascist rule of Benito Mussolini. As usual, few are those who give due credit to the role played by Ethiopia in the struggle against Italian fascism. More than a million Ethiopians died in the fight against the invading forces of Mussolini and the defeat of Mussolini in Ethiopia was crucial in the demise of the fascist system in Italy.

On this important day for Italy, Ethiopians are obliged to once again demand due and proper apology from the Vatican for its open and all out support for the invasion. The Vatican has time and again apologized to Jews for its condemnable role during the Holocaust. Yet, it has up to now refused to address an apology to Ethiopia and her people just as Italy has failed to pay due reparation to Ethiopians who lost a million lives and immense property as a result of the brutal aggression. Pope Pius XI had struck a deal with Mussolini (he said on December 20/1926: "Mussolini is a man sent by Providence") and when the invasion against Ethiopia was launched the Vatican blessed the undertaking with the Pope justifying it as a "defensive war". Nuns gave their golden rings for the invasion effort and the invasion was presented, in the words of the Archbishop of Tarano, "as a holy war ... (that would open)...a country of infidels and schismatics to the expansion of the Catholic Faith". The invasion was catastrophic for Ethiopia. More than half a million homes were burnt, mustard gas killed thousands, monks and intellectuals were slaughtered.

The demand for an apology is a demand for justice. The Vatican needs to apologize to Ethiopians as much as it has apologized to Jews. The present Pope Benedict XVI called the Holocaust an "unimaginable crime" while Pope Paul II had apologized outright for the nefarious role of the Vatican. The EPRP had in the past demanded for such an apology and it, along with the Ethiopian people, is still waiting for a formal apology. As Italy celebrates yet another year of its Liberation from Fascism it is incumbent on the Vatican to close that same chapter of history by apologizing to the Ethiopian people for its backing of aggression, invasion and massacre.

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